

## Proclamation

**Whereas**, Children are the embodiment of our dreams and aspirations for the future, and they have every right to mature in environments that are safe and healthy and free of fear and victimization; and

**Whereas**, All citizens of Webb County have a duty to protect children from abuse and neglect. Never should we fail in our responsibility to work toward ensuring that our young citizens have a good quality of life. Each of us is responsible for immediately reporting suspicions of abuse or neglect to the appropriate authorities; and,

**Whereas**, Throughout our communities, the cooperation of individuals and collaboration of schools, religious and civic organizations, social service programs and law enforcement agencies all contribute immeasurably to a supportive network to prevent abuse and further safety for our children; and,

**Whereas**, To educate the public and increase awareness, all who carry on the fight against child abuse and neglect have designated the month of April for an awareness campaign; and,

**Whereas**, All citizens of Webb County are urged to take responsibility for the safety and well-being of our children because working together, we can ensure that our young citizens have every opportunity to achieve lifelong success.

**Now Therefore**, I **Louis H. Bruni**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as **Webb County Judge**, and on behalf of the **Webb County Commissioner's Court**, do hereby proclaim **April 2005** as:

## "Child Abuse Prevention Month"

In Webb County, Texas and urge the appropriate recognition whereof. In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my hand and seal of office this 1st day of April, 2005.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Official Seal of **Webb County**, **Texas**, to be affixed on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of **April**, **2005**.